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TO: Chief of Station, Germany

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FROM: Chief of Base, Bonn

SUBJECT: Operational/CAN/Liaison
Gerhard SCHLEMMER

ACTION REQUIRED: Paragraph 4

REFERENCE: None

Field - X FILE SCHLEMMER, Gerhard

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1. The SG have informed us that

Gerhard SCHLEMMER, born 15 Jan 1916 in Beckingen/Saar, Krs. Merzig

has long been under suspicion of possibly being engaged in espionage, however, for a long time this suspicion could not be verified. SCHLEMMER was finally exposed to the LfV/Saarland when he approached a long-time acquaintance, a certain Georg BARTH, with a proposal that he would be [illegible] while if he would make a trip with subject to East Berlin. BARTH finally agreed and upon arrival in East Berlin was introduced to an MfS representative and promptly recruited. Upon his return to the Federal Republic, BARTH immediately reported the recruitment to the LfV who then picked him up as a double agent. The case never became an important one and BARTH has had no contact with the MfS since March 1958. The LfV finally reported the case to the GBA suggesting that Subject should be arrested. After his arrest Subject readily confessed his MfS activity, however he claimed that he had never carried out any important missions for the MfS. Aside from his assistance in BARTH's recruitment he claims that the only other mission assigned by the MfS was for him to attempt to penetrate the CDU. He was able to identify his MfS handling officer only under the name of ASBECK. The SG strongly suspect that SCHLEMMER has not yet completely confessed.

2. In the course of investigation, the SG discovered that Subject figured rather prominently in an article which appeared in the 25 August 1949 issue of "Der Spiegel" (see attachment) under the caption "Mann koennte doch Knobelbecher..." According to this article, Subject was said to have had extensive relations with CIC in which he assisted the latter in recovering treasure which had been cached by the SS.

3. In order to assist them in evaluating the reliability of Subject's statements, the SG ask whether any of the allegations in the Spiegel article are correct. We have forwarded the above information to the local CIC office with a request that they furnish a suitable reply for release to the SG.

4. The SG request all other available information on Subject.

5. Bonn Base files contain carded information indicating that Subject was mentioned in the SG Weekly Report transmitted under EGFA-24126, 18 Nov 58.

(Note: The SG provided us with such a poor copy of Der Spiegel article that the attached is the best we could reproduce from it.)

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